(c) The earnings of Eastern Railway prior to the creation of Hazipur Zone are as under:—

2001 -02	Rs. 3914.76 crores
2002-03 (upto Sept. 02)	Rs. 2060.40 crores

(d) Month-wise originating earnings of Eastern Railway during October to December 2002 are as under:—

For Oct. 2002	Rs. 139.66 crores
For Nov. 2002	Rs. 142.47 crores
For Dec. 2002	Rs. 155.61 crores

Late running of trains

†425. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) number of trains which reached their destinations on time which reached late in the year 2002 and till date;

(b) whether any responsibility has been fixed for trains running late; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The punctuality of trains is maintained in terms of a percentage. During the year 2002 (April to December), 90.8% trains reached their destinations right time.

(b) and (c) Responsibility is being fixed against the staff, where necessary, for detention to trains. During the year 2002 (April to December) 4,485 staff have been taken up.

Rail Neer

426. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to launch 'rail neer[1] facility in Railways;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether for the purpose of clause it is proposed to set up bottling plants in various regions;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any bottling plant or rail neer is being set up in Tamil Nadu;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir.

(c) Two pHants are being set up in the first phase-one at Nangloi, Delhi and the other at Danapur, Bihar. The plant at Delhi has been commissioned and the product will be available shortly in the Northern States of the country after obtaining certification of BIS. The second plant is under construction at Danapur.

(d) Once the operation of these two plants stabilizes, further expansion to other areas will be contemplated in phases. At that stage, the issue of establishing a plant in Tamil Nadu will be examined.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Works under National Rail Vikas Yojana

427. SHRI R.R GOENKA:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rail Vikas Nigam, a special purpose company, is proposed to be floated for executing the Rs. 15000 crore National RailVikasYojana announced recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the Articles of Association of the Nigam;

(c) the details of the major programmes/work included in theYojana, the source(s) of their funding and the time-frame laid down for their execution;